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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Toshitaka Shimamoto et al.

Application No.: 10/597,575

Filing Date: July 31, 2006

For: **NITRIDE-BASED SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR FABRICATING THE SAME**

Examiner: Brandon C. Fox

Art Unit: 2818

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 1, 2009

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction. Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-11) without traverse. Substantive examination of claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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